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## THINK FOOD

### School Nutrition Programs

#### Shipment 5

#### November 2012



#### USDA FOODS FACTSHEETS

The USDA Foods factsheets have been updated by the USDA Food & Nutrition

Services to include food safety guidance and expanded nutrient data. The updated information is essential to planning healthy school meals that support the new meal pattern requirements.

The complete list of updated factsheets can be found by visiting the following Web site: [www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/schfacts/](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/schfacts/). A link to the USDA factsheet Web site is also available on the OPI School Nutrition Programs Web site under Commodity Information.

The USDA has also updated the USDA Foods Available list. The new list includes the new vegetable subgroup identifiers and has been reorganized to be much more user-friendly. View the new and improved list of available USDA Foods at the following Web site: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/foods/sy13-schfoods.pdf>.

#### RECALLED PEANUT BUTTER

The information on the Sunland, Inc. peanut butter that was recalled by the USDA was e-mailed to everyone on October 16, 2012. If you have not destroyed your Sunland peanut butter and returned your



destruction form, please do so as soon as possible.

If you have questions regarding the recall, contact the OPI Food Distribution office at (406) 444-4415.



#### HEALTHIER CHOICES AT MIDDLE SCHOOL

The USDA Team Nutrition has created the *Healthier Middle Schools: Everyone Can Help* resource. It is a series of communication tools to help in your school wellness efforts. The resource includes an audience-tested video and handouts for various audiences including teachers, principals, parents and students.

The materials can be downloaded or order printed handouts along with a DVD from the Team Nutrition Web site Resource Library at: <http://teamnutrition.usda.gov>.

The *Healthier Middle Schools* is just one of many resources available at the Team Nutrition Web site. Check them out today!

#### USDA FOODS ORDER 2014

The OPI USDA Food Distribution order form will be available for placing your school year 2014 orders soon. The ABC Committee met



recently and used the updated *USDA Foods Available* list to determine which foods to include, on the order form, to help meet the new required meal patterns.

The order form is being updated with the chosen items, the most recent dollar value for those items and the estimated entitlement. The estimated entitlement will be calculated using the 2012 average daily meals (ADM), the 2013 per meal value (.24) and the estimated amount of carryover dollars from 2013.

When the order form has been updated it will be available by going to the OPI School Nutrition Programs Web site at: <https://data.opi.mt.gov/USDAFoods/Frmlogin.aspx>. You will have until **January 25, 2013**, to place your orders.



#### **SEND WORD NOW**

The on-demand alerting and response system, Send Word Now, pilot program that the OPI Food Distribution is participating in was tested during the recent Sunland, Inc. peanut butter recall. The program seemed to work well with only a few glitches.

We will, in the next few weeks, send out a **TEST** alert just to confirm that the issues we experienced have been resolved.

#### **DoD CONTRACT UPDATE**

The USDA has informed us that the DoD contract has been extended through November 30, 2012. Sysco will continue to fill orders for the DoD Fresh program until that time. The DoD will let us know when a permanent contract is in place.

#### **AVAILABLE USDA FOODS**

Please check your entitlement balances and see if you still have funds available. The following USDA Foods are available for schools with remaining entitlement.

Charbroiled Beef Patties	\$53.55
Cheese Cheddar Yellow	\$67.59
Chicken Patty Tenders	\$13.74
Oven-Rstd Chicken 8 pc	\$76.47
Flour AP	\$ 9.61
Flour B	\$11.25
Flour WW	\$11.49
Pancakes Whole Grain	\$10.30
Potato Rounds	\$14.96
Potato Wedges	\$17.02
Rice, Brown	\$23.52
Spaghetti Whole Grain	\$ 7.85
Spaghetti Sauce	\$12.55

E-mail your requests to [juwilson@mt.gov](mailto:juwilson@mt.gov).

In August the USDA put out policy memo SP 39-2012 regarding existing inventory of USDA Foods and Commercial Products. The USDA strongly encourages schools to make use of all food that has been purchased for school meal programs. To view this USDA memo in its entirety go to [http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/policy/schcnp\\_policies.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/policy/schcnp_policies.htm).



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